Government to reconsider the shifting of Baliapal test range to a sparsely populated area of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have considered this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Crash of IAF helicopter in Himachal Pradesh

*228 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force helicopter crashed at Nadaun, District Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh on the 8th June;

(b) the number of persons killed in the crash; and

(c) whether any Court of Inquiry has been ordered into the crash?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four Air Force personnel were killed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Central administrative tribunals in Eastern States

*229. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal in Eastern States;

(b) what difficulties are being faced by Government in setting up these Tribunals in these States; and

(c) the number of pending cases in Central Administrative Tribunal in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government have already set up the Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal in Eastern States such as in Cuttack, Calcutta, Patna and Guwahati.

(b) Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal are set up by Government depending upon the work-load at each place. No specific difficulties are being experienced for setting up of Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal in any State.

(c) A total number of 23,639 cases are pending before various Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal as on 30-6-1988.

Re-employment scheme of retired defence service officers

*230. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired officers of the Armed Forces are not satisfied with the re-employment scheme for providing jobs to retiring or retired officers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to give re-employment to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Current instructions permit re-employment of officers upto the rank of Colonel in the Army, Commander in the Navy and Group Captain in the Air Force in the respective Services. Such re-employment is based on the exigencies of requirement of the Services and is generally against vacancies in ranks which are one to three ranks below the ranks in which they retired. The terms of re-employment are known to the officers who opt for such re-employment. There are no reports of dissatisfaction about these. However, certain problems which have arisen regarding fixation of pay of such re-employed officers are under examination.

The Director General of Resettlement registers the names of such officers who desire to be resettled in civilian jobs and sponsors them for suitable jobs in various civilian organisations. The terms are settled between the officers and the employing organisations. They are also sponsored for getting contracts to provide various services to public sector organisations. Training courses are also conducted to help the officers in getting jobs or go in for self-employment ventures after retirement.

Development and release of new insecticides etc.

@*231. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the insecticides, fungicides etc. which have been indigenously developed and released or are likely to be released by the National Research Development Corporation for commercial production, as on date and if so, on what terms including royalty etc; and

(b) whether small scale sector has been benefited by the technology developed for manufacturing of insecticides by various regional research laboratories and if so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The names of the insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc., which have been indigenously developed and released by the National Research Development Corporation for commercial production, the names of the commercial companies to which they have been licensed by NRDC as also the duration and nature of the licence are set out in Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 80]. The technology payments by way of lumpsum premium for these pesticides have ranged from Rs. 3,500/- to Rs. 18 lakhs, and the royalties have ranged from nil to 3 per cent of ex-factory value.

The technologies developed by the Regional Research Laboratories are for Technical pesticides. Due to stringent requirements of safety, pollution control and toxicity testing, the manufacture of Technical pesticides is generally not possible in the small scale sector. However, there are simpler pesticides, as also formulations of technical pesticides, production plants for which can be set up in the small scale sector. A list of such pesticides/pesticide formulations developed by various Research Laboratories of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the name of the small scale units to whom they have been licensed are indicated in Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 81].

न्यायाधीशों की नियुक्ति की प्रक्रिया में संशोधन

*232. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देश के उच्चतम न्यायालय और उच्च न्यायालयों में न्यायाधीशों की नियुक्ति से संबंधित प्रक्रिया में संशोधन करने का विचार रखती है, और

(ख) क्या सरकार नियुक्तियों की वर्तमान प्रक्रिया से संतुष्ट है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) जी हां ।

*233. [*Transferred to the 16th August, 1988*]

@Previously Starred Question 151, transferred from the 5th August, 1988.